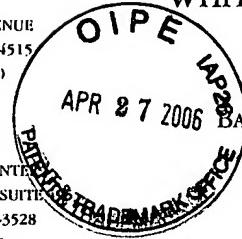




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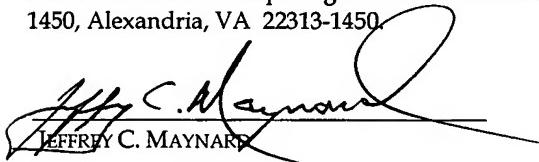
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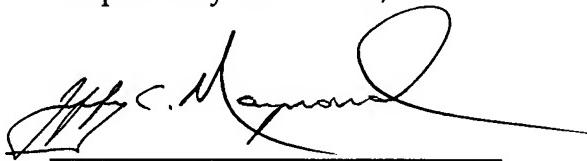
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The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the information submitted herein and to return an initialized copy of the Information Disclosure Statement Form PTO-1449 to Applicant's undersigned counsel.

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